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Applicant: George Mazereeuw

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For: VOLTAGE CONTROLLER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In furtherance of Applicant's Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Applicant respectfully submits the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph to the Detailed Description just prior to paragraph [0008] on page 2:

As is known in the art and as used herein, references to "voltage" refer to a root mean square (rms) value of the voltage unless otherwise indicated.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for a telephonic interview conducted May 21, 2003. During the interview, the phrase "rms voltage" was discussed as it pertains to the operation of the prior art reference cited, Allos et al. No agreement was reached.